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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Application of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.
§ 63.63 for the Emergency Impairment of Service; WC Docket No. 19-296

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 3, 2019, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") filed the above-referenced application for the emergency impairment of service in limited portions of the Huron, South Dakota wire center as a result of flooding ("Application"). This area, which is approximately six (6) miles southeast of the town of Huron, South Dakota, was impacted by flooding as a result of runoff from heavy winter snow that swelled the James River over its banks. Additional frequent spring and summer storms dumped significantly more water into the area, preventing the floodwaters from receding and impeding CenturyLink's access to its facilities. CenturyLink filed the Application and has been monitoring conditions in the area to determine if floodwaters have receded such that service could be restored.

Unfortunately, as of this date, this area is still experiencing flooding, including rushing water. CenturyLink facilities remain underwater and inaccessible, presenting obvious safety hazards for CenturyLink employees. CenturyLink is in the process of building an approach to gain access to one pedestal that remains underwater. CenturyLink expects to be able to access this and its other impacted facilities in the next few weeks which should enable it to restore service. CenturyLink cautions, however, that this timeline could be extended based upon severe weather and other factors.

As stated in the Application, CenturyLink's records show that ten (10) customers remain without service and some others may be experiencing static on their lines as a result of this impairment. CenturyLink does not expect this impairment to have an impact on rates in the affected area. CenturyLink will continue to keep the Commission apprised of progress on restoration.

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For the foregoing reasons, in light of the floodwaters that remain in the Huron, South Dakota area, CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission approve a 60-day extension of authority for the emergency impairment of service in limited portions of the Huron wire center.

Respectfully submitted,

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